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E-File

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Re: STB Docket No. AB-1000 (Sub-No. 1X), Georgia Southwestern
Railroad, Inc. – Abandonment and Discontinuance Exemption – In
Harris and Meriwether Counties, Georgia

Dear Ms. Rutson:

The Board's decision served December 10, 2007, in the above-referenced proceeding, imposed two pre-conditions to salvage activities: Georgia Southwestern Railroad, Inc. ("GSWR") must: (1) "notify NGS at least 90 days prior to beginning salvage activities that will potentially disturb or destroy any geodetic station markers;" and (2) "prior to commencement of any salvage activities, consult with Harris County, Meriwether County, and the Georgia EPD, comply with the reasonable requirements of the NPDES Storm Water General Permit Program and the GESA, and report the results of these consultations in writing to the SEA prior to commencement of any salvage activities." The purpose of this letter is to notify the Board of GSWR's compliance with these conditions.

On October 8, 2007, Mr. Simon Monroe of the National Geodetic Survey was notified that none of the 35 identified survey marks would be disturbed by the planned salvage operations. See attached e-mail.

On February 14, 2008, the undersigned contacted Mr. John Champion, Director of Community Development Department in Harris County, GA (706-628-4700) and explained how the salvage operations will be conducted. Mr. Champion informed us that, since the ballast and all bridges will remain in place, no permits from Harris County will be required under the Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Act ("GESA") or the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") Storm Water General Permit Program. Also, to the extent that the salvaged materials are removed by rail, no other permits will be required by Harris County.

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To the extent any materials are removed by truck over county roads, the salvage company will need to obtain a permit for the truck. The salvage company, The Tie Yard of Omaha, has agreed to contact Harris County and obtain a permit prior to removing any materials by truck over county roads.

On February 25, 2008, the undersigned contacted Ron Garrett, the Meriwether County Planning Director (706-672-1283), and explained how the salvage operations will be conducted. Mr. Garrett responded that, since the ballast and all bridges will remain in place and no soil is being moved, no permits from Meriwether County will be required.

On February 27, 2008, the undersigned contacted Ms. Jan Sammons, Manager of the Erosion and Sedimentation Control Unit of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources ("GDNR") (404) 675-1623), and explained how the salvage operations will be conducted and the responses we had received from Harris County and Meriwether County. Ms. Sammons stated that no permits or further action from GDNR would be required.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karl Morell', written in a cursive style.

Karl Morell

cc: Mr. Champion
Mr. Garrett
Ms. Sammons

Morell, Karl

From: Morell, Karl
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2007 2:13 PM
To: 'Simon Monroe'
Cc: Surface Transportation Board; National Society of Professional Surveyors; Gilbert Mitchell
Subject: RE: [Fwd: [Fwd: NGS Response, STB Docket AB-1000 (SUB NO. 1X)]]

Simon, thank you for your timely response regarding the 35 survey marks. The planned salvage operations will involve only the removal of the track and track materials. All else, including the ballast, will remain on the line pending the planned negotiations for rail-banking the corridor. Consequently, none of the marks will be disturbed. If at some future date, plans for the corridor should change, we let you know.

Karl

-----Original Message-----

From: Simon Monroe [mailto:Simon.Monroe@noaa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 27, 2007 5:55 PM
To: Morell, Karl
Cc: Surface Transportation Board; National Society of Professional Surveyors; Gilbert Mitchell
Subject: [Fwd: [Fwd: NGS Response, STB Docket AB-1000 (SUB NO. 1X)]]

Thank you for sharing your railroad abandonment environmental report for Allie, Harris, Meriwether Counties, Georgia.

Approximately 035 geodetic survey marks may be located in the area described.

If marks will be disturbed by the abandonment, [THE RAILROAD} shall consult with the National Geodetic Survey (NGS), and notify NGS at least 90 days prior to beginning salvage activities that will disturb, or destroy any geodetic station marks.

These marks are described on the attached file. Additional advice is provided at <http://geodesy.noaa.gov/marks/railroads/>

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|...|DG0961|. 1|88/ADJUSTED|N330148|W0844303|C...|G 103

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